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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated July 17, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for reply set at 3 months. It is being submitted within 6 months of the mailing date of said office action and is accompanied by a petition for 3 months extension of time and the requisite fee, making it a timely response.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for three (3) months. The fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 is attached hereto. If the enclosed amount is incorrect, the commissioner is permitted to charge any required extension and/or deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 03-4075 (Attorney Docket No. SST/1305).

Amendments to the Application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.